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D I N N E R

WEDNESDAY, May 3 --- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street

Cocktails at 6:30 PM --- Dinner at 7:30 PM sharp

Member and one guest: \$3.50 each --- Additional guests: \$4.00

FRANK KELLEY: INSIDE OUT

By

The Membership

What makes FRANK KELLEY tick? What makes KELLEY run? In fact, why KELLEY? In a sober attempt to fathom those problems, the membership will gather next Wednesday evening. A trio of Irish bag-pipers will be present also to launch the proceedings and serenade during the evening. The subject of such microscopic scrutiny, Past President KELLEY, will receive a token acknowledgment for having put in an appearance. Likewise, a similar and fitting token will be presented retiring Treasurer RALPH JULES FRANTZ. Among those scheduled to take part are: BOB CONSIDINE, LUCIAN S. KIRTLAND, JOHN C. DALY, TEMPLE FIELDING and RICHARD DE ROCHEMONT. Further testimonials are invited.

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AN ADDED ATTRACTION will be a preview of the March of Time's newest release, "The Male Look", a tongue-in-cheek survey of masculine fashions down through the ages.

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O F F I C I A L

Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, May 1, 5:30 PM
 Board of Governors Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, May 1, 8 PM

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE:

William A. Berns, Press Department, National Broadcasting Company. New Guinea, Philippines, Japan, August 1944-November 1945, for PR Radio Section, General MacArthur's Headquarters; London, Paris, November-December, 1947, for Station WOR. Proposed by ROY J. BATTERSBY; seconded by PHILIP L. DEAN.

Walter M. Stevenson, public relations counsel. Puerto Rico, August 1944-August 1945, for Puerto Rico World Journal; Puerto Rico, same period, for North American Newspaper Alliance. Proposed by MARTIN SHERIDAN; seconded by PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE.

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Due to the illness of President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, an inaugural message expected for this issue will be published next week. He urged, however, that members suggest either themselves or others as candidates for various Committee posts.

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"INSIDE INSIDE", NEW BOOK PROJECT, ANNOUNCED

A sixth Overseas Press Club book, "Inside Inside: The Best Stories of Foreign Correspondents", will be published this fall, it was announced today by the OPC Book Committee.

The volume, proposed as "a compilation of amusing and colorful anecdotes from the world over", will be open for contributions from all members of the Club. "We want your best story," the Committee said, "whether it happened to you or someone else." In the past, OPC books have been written by relatively few Club members.

Proposed subdivisions of the book will be "Photographers are Funny People", "Censorship", "My Lunch with the Prime Minister", "Expense Accounts and How They Grow", "Scoops", "Foreign Correspondents En Famille", "Around the World in a Bouncing Bistro", "Public Relations", "Big Brains in the Home Office", "Hairbreadth Harry of the Hysteria Herald", "Off the Record", "News Sources", "Life Abroad", and "Traveling". Other categories will be added as needed.

Deadline for the book -- tentatively scheduled for pre-Christmas publication -- is May 17. Members are asked, therefore, to send in their stories within ten days. Lengths may range from 50 to 2,000 words. If you have two or more anecdotes, send them in.

Address all editorial material to the Book Committee at Club Headquarters. The Committee consists of ANDREW ROONEY, DICKSON HARTWELL, BOB CONSIDINE, HERBERT KUPFERBERG and WILLIAM DOERFLINGER.

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 x WITH THE OPC ON TV x will be featured on Sunday's OPC television show. William J. R.
 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Simpson, president of the Ulster Irish Society of New York and or-
 ganizer of the recent trip of Sir Basil Brooke, Ulster premier, to
 the U.S., will defend the principle of continued partition. Kevin Rush, Consul of Eire in
 New York, and for 15 years a member of the Irish consular service, will present a differing
 opinion and uphold Irish unity. Third member of the panel will be J.M. ROBERTS, JR., AP
 foreign affairs analyst. The subject of the telecast: "Will Ireland Unite?" (WCBS-TV,
 Channel 2, Sunday, April 20, 5-5:30 PM).

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TWO OPC members, BETTY BETZ, King Features teen-age columnist, and MRS. MARJORIE YOUNG
 of the Anderson (S.C.) Daily Mail, got together last week when BETTY addressed a Scholastic
 Press Convention in Anderson... VIRGINIA PREWETT MYZELLE, who with her husband, WILLIAM MYZELLE,
 was recently admitted to the OPC, had a piece, "I Homesteaded in Brazil", in the April 22
Satevepost...

FEATURED SPEAKER at the Jefferson Day celebration at Monticello on April 13 was HENRY J.
 TAYLOR, selected to make the annual oration. He was introduced by Secretary of Defense Louis
 Johnson... Take a gander at the tribute paid BERT BRANDT of Acme Newspictures in Editor & Pub-
 lisher of April 22; OPC members JOHN EVANS and RICHARD MASSOCK were also given plugs in the
 same issue...

SUMMER SUBLET: Three-bedroom cottage overlooking the bay at
 Bar Harbor, gas heater, all modern conveniences, July through
 August, \$1,200. Contact GRACE CORSON, care of Club Headquarters.

IT'S A GIRL for Time Washington correspondent JERRY HANNIFIN. Connie, weighing in at 7
 pounds 10 ounces, was born April 6 at Georgetown University Hospital. She has a half-sister,
 JERRY's stepdaughter, Cookie... DAVID DARRAH, just back from Mexico, is stopping in New York
 only long enough to draw a deep breath before taking off for Europe in a week or so... Turn
 your radio dials to WJZ (or any ABC station) at 8:30 PM on Tuesday, May 2. LOUIS P. LOCHNER,
 OPC President, appears as a featured guest on "Gentlemen of the Press"...

NOTE TO MEMBERS IN EUROPE: A special press performance of the Oberammergau
 Passion Play will be held on May 17 in that Bavarian town. Tickets are
 available for accredited correspondents of all non-German nationalities.
 Correspondents planning to attend should arrive in Oberammergau by May 16
 at the latest. Applications for reservations and for room arrangements
 should be made to Paul E. Welsh, Chief, PID, Headquarters European Command
 (Rear), APO 757.

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"GREAT GUYS GALLERY"
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Just after the war began, a couple in Houston, Tex., began a humble labor of love as a tribute to America's war correspondents. They started a "Great Guys" Gallery of dated and autographed portraits of war reporters, men and women they considered "our unsung heroes and all too little appreciated". This Gallery was their way of expressing gratitude for the work and sacrifices of war correspondents abroad.

With the war's end, many a "our-boys-in-the-service" shrine was left to rot. Service shields were packed away and blue-star flags torn from front windows. But Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Flood were just beginning their patient job. "There are some, however," they say sadly, "whom we never located after the war. We didn't write for photos while they were on duty, overseas, but as soon as they came home, we lost no time contacting them." Little by little, the "GG" Gallery grew. A section for columnists overseas during the war was added. Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Flood pursued a thankless task, tracking down "lost" correspondents. One they trailed from Buenos Aires to Europe to South America to Europe and finally, after two years, found him again in Buenos Aires.

Ever since the Gallery began, the Floods have corresponded with their adopted children. Each Christmas, cards go out to those whose pictures line their walls. "We are two just ordinary, unimportant people among the many millions, yet if any word or praise could help, we wished to give it," they say.

Today the Gallery has become almost an institution, perhaps the only such venture of its size and scope in the country. Last week the Overseas Press Club received a touching letter from Mr. and Mrs. Flood. "We do not wish to burden you in the matter (of finding lost correspondents) and hope you can help us without inconvenience to yourselves. It would be difficult, perhaps impossible, to understand how much this means to us."

From its files, the Club supplied what addresses it could. Now we sincerely request the membership to send to Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Flood, 2611 San Jacinto, Houston 4, Tex., any information on the whereabouts of the following persons:

David Brent

Ted Lurie, recently with the Palestine Post

Bert Silen, last with NBC

Jack Hooley

Clete Roberts, last with ABC

Patrick Boarman, last with CBS

Harold Peters

Erwin Johnson

Creighton Scott

Lowell Bennett, last with INS

Ed Sonder, Jr.

Paul Manning, last with MBS

BOOK LIST

Books received recently by the Overseas Press Club Library include the following:

"Innocents at Home" by BOB CONSIDINE, published by E.P. Dutton & Co.

"War or Peace" by John Foster Dulles, published by the Macmillan Company

"Baseball Stars of 1950" published by Lion Books by arrangements with the authors and the editors of Sports Life and Sports Stars magazines.

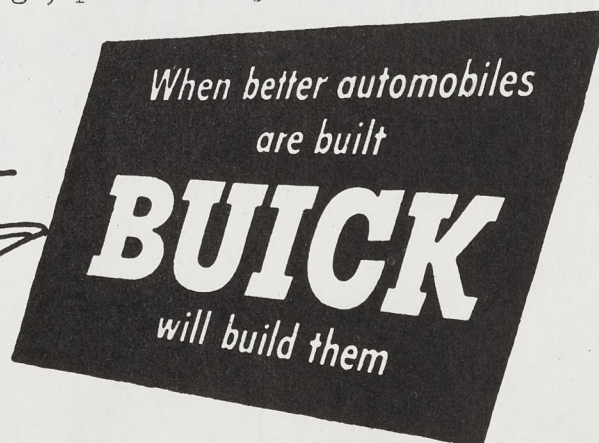
"Ellen Rogers" by James T. Farrell, published by Signet Books

"The Outer Edges" by Charles Jackson, published by Signet Books

"The Revolt of the Masses" by Jose Ortega y Gasset, published by Mentor Books

"I Am Thinking of My Darling" by Vincent McHugh, published by New American Library

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ARMY RELUCTANCE TO TAKE ADVICE
IRRITATED CODDLED CORRESPONDENTS,
RICHARD JOHNSTON TELLS LUNCHEON

OPC luncheon crowd at Toots Shor's on April 26. "Such writers," he said, "thought it was their duty to advise officials. And they didn't like it when their advice was ignored or rejected." Since the Army still controls many facilities in the Far East, the antics of crusading correspondents did not endear them to the authorities. Likewise, the formation of "grievance committees" only served to split correspondents along political lines, making it impossible for unbiased newsmen to remain neutral.

Although some Army "clowns" went out of their way to distate correspondents' conduct, most newsmen have been able to get along with the Army and, at the same time, retain independence of thought and action.

"One of the greatest sins committed by correspondents visiting Korea," JOHNSTON said, "was to file copy -- within 24 hours of their arrival -- reciting the ills and prescribing remedies." Such undisciplined reporting, he indicated, confused readers and infuriated authorities.

Shortly after the UN established the Korean Government, JOHNSTON related, a civil war broke out. Although American troops in Korea proclaimed a "hands-off" policy, correspondents could not understand why no military transportation was provided them. And when the Army refused to carry them to the front, one reporter wrote a story headed: "Report of the Civil War -- But WE Can't Find It." Since there was serious conflict going on, Koreans were upset by the article and have never forgotten or forgiven it.

Among OPC members present at the luncheon were H.V. KALTENBORN, BEN WRIGHT, ALLEN RAYMOND, FRANK HANDY -- delegate at the A.N.P.A. Convention -- WILLIAM P. GRAY and GERALDINE FITCH. A guest, S. Randal Heymanson of the Australian News Service, also attended.

AMONG NATIONAL COMMITTEE members of the newly-organized Committee for Free Europe, whose board is headed by former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, is EDWARD W. BARRETT, Assistant Secretary of State and former Newsweek editorial director...HENRY I. MOSCOW, former New York Post managing editor, has just been appointed managing editor of the proposed Las Vegas Free Press... After a brief Stateside vacation, RALPH GOLDBURGH has returned to his post with the Frankfurt bureau of the New York Times....Another Timesman in the news recently was RAYMOND DANIELL, who sat next to John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner for Germany, at a luncheon given in the official's honor...

A NEWSMAN'S STANDING in French Indo-China, writes UP correspondent ROBERT C. MILLER, "is established more by the enemies than by the friends he makes and success comes only when all four groups of partisans view him with equal distrust but grudgingly admit he is no sucker." In a recent Editor & Publisher article citing difficulties of reporters covering the French-Viet Nam dispute, MILLER declared that a unique censorship results in correspondents' receiving delayed and "amended" copy. He also said the reporter "is showered with propaganda from all sides, and when he exposes it he is in the doghouse."

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor

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